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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : As between Khadi and handloom cloth, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Khadi is costlier than handloom cloth and it is not also durable as handloom cloth? Will the Government advise the Grama Sevaks to take to cheaper cloths which are more durable and cheaper than the faddists' Khadi?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In the first place I may again tell the hon. Member that Khadi is also handloom cloth. If it is a question of more economy, I wonder whether the hon. Member would definitely prefer Handloom cloth to mill cloth, which is definitely cheaper than Khadi and handloom cloth.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Government's insistence on these Grama Sevak trainees' wearing Khadi even though they have no faith in Khadi really tends to train them in hypocrisy? Immediately after training, they give up the practice of wearing Khadi. Therefore will the Government stop issuing such orders which tend to create hypocrisy and discontent in the people?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not at all agree with the hon. Member that insistence of certain disciplinary matters for trainees leads to hypocrisy and all that.

* 3024 *Q*.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri A. K. Subbiah) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to recruit women candidates as Grama Sevaks; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Business firms in Kozhikode

* 3025 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any business firms in Kozhikode were declared as evacuee properties in 1949 and placed under the Custodian of Evacuee Property, Madras;

(*b*) the present manager of the above firms; and

(*c*) the number of employees working on the staff of the management of the firms and their service conditions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Two business firms belonging to Adam Haji Peer Mohammed Essack and Haji Ebrahim Kasam Cochinwala of Kozhikode were declared as evacuee properties on 13th October 1949 under the Administration of Evacuee Property Ordinance, 1949, and vested in the Custodian.

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(*b*) Sri L. S. Lalwani, a displaced person from Pakistan.

(*c*) Fourteen. The members of the staff are governed by the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government have received any representation from the employees of this firm with regard to their grievances and to improve their service conditions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have any information on that. If the hon. Member is interested, he may put a separate question.

Labour dispute in the Kottanad Estate, Wynaad taluk

* 3026 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have received a report from the Labour Officer, Coonoor and Malabar, on the refusal of the Manager of the Kottanad Estate in Wynaad taluk for conciliation in the dispute between the management and the labourers of the Estate; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) & (*b*) The Labour Officer, Coonoor, has reported that the management of the Kottanad Estate attended the enquiry held on 11th August 1955.

National Cadet Corps training in the Central Polytechnic, Madras

* 3027 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL (on behalf of Sri M. Jagannathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to give National Cadet Corps training, both Junior and Senior, in the Central Polytechnic, Madras?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

Agricultural Demonstrator's office in Kalpetta, Wynaad taluk

* 3028 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) The reasons for the closure of the Agricultural Demonstrator's office in Kalpetta, Wynaad taluk;

(*b*) whether any alternative arrangement has been made for the supply of agricultural implements at the place; and

(*c*) if so, when?